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In re patent application of: HIROSHI MURAKAMI, ET AL.

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir or Madam:

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In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated April 17, 2001, response to which is due May 17, 2001, enclosed is an Amendment and Response to Office Action in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121 that contains the following:

- 1. A clean version of the amended claims as set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.121(c)(1)(i);
- 2. The "Remarks" section commencing on a separate page; and
- 3. A marked-up version of the pending claims commencing on a separate page entitled "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made" pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.121(c)(1)(ii).

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Applicants declare that no new matter is submitted in this Amendment and Response to Office Action, which was previously filed, and is submitted only to comply with 37 C.F.R. 1.121.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.25(b), the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees to Deposit Account 131241 or to credit any overpayment to the same for all matters during the prosecution of this application. This authorization should be treated as a general authorization to charge fees set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 to Deposit Account 131241 for the entire pendency of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that a Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, Amendment and Response to Office Action, and return postcard are being deposited with the United States Postal Service; postage prepaid, Express Mail No. <u>EL842079595US</u> on the date indicated below and addressed to: *Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C.* 20231.

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